



USAMA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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JULY 18 & 19, 2026



★ OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS & STYLES ★

- **Kata** (Forms) • **Kumite** (Sparring) • **Kobudo** (Weapons)
- **Chanbara** (Padded Weapons Sparring) • **Koshiki** (Armored Sparring) • **Take Down Sparring**

BRAVEHEART BUILDING
1500 McConner Parkway
SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, USA

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2026 USAMA World Championships July 17 – 19, 2026

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 17th

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Tournament Registration
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	State Representatives Meeting/Event Listing Review
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Rules Committee Meeting/Rule Proposals Considered
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Hawkes International Society Meeting

Saturday, July 18th

8:30 am – 12:00 Noon	Tournament Registration
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Black Belt Judges Meeting (Covering Today’s Events)
10:00 am	Forms, Weapons, & Take Down Sparring Competition Adult Black Belt Forms Run Off to 2 Finalists*
	<i>*(1st Place Adult Black Belt Forms winners compete in a Run Off Round – Top two competitors will compete at Finals for Grand Champion Awards)</i>

Sunday, July 19th

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Tournament Registration
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Black Belt Judges Meeting (Covering Today’s Events)
10:00 am	Koshiki, Chanbara, & Individual Point Sparring Competition
6:30 pm	<u>Finals Competitors – Check in</u>
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Finals Competition - 10 Grand Champion Divisions! <i>March in of Champions</i> Grand Champion Awards: Black Belt Kata (will also include Bunkai), Black Belt Weapons (will feature 2 different Weapons), Adult Kyu Forms & Weapons, Youth Beg. Forms, Youth Int. Forms, Youth Adv. Forms, Youth Weapons.

Hotel Information

Springhill Suites by Marriott Chicago Schaumburg/Woodfield Mall 1-847-995-1500
1550 McConnor Parkway, Schaumburg, IL

Residence Inn by Marriott Chicago Schaumburg/Woodfield Mall 1-847-517-9200
1610 McConnor Parkway, Schaumburg, IL

Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Schaumburg/Woodfield Mall 1-847-619-8100
1311 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL

Best Rates are online



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Awards:

Beautiful Custom Medallions awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; Custom Medals for 4th place. Medals for all Youth Forms competitors.

Grand Champion Awards will be given for Adult Kyu Forms, Youth Beginning Forms, Youth Intermediate Forms, Youth Advanced Forms, Adult Kyu Weapons, & Youth Weapons.

*Grand Champion Awards/Prizes for Adult Black Belt - Forms, Weapons, Men Sparring, Women Sparring: **Black Belt Forms – Cash Prize of \$200.00; Black Belt Weapons – Cash Prize of \$200.00 Black Belt Men Sparring and Black Belt Women Sparring – USAMA Grand Champion Belts!***

Most Supportive School Award of \$200.00 will be awarded during the Finals.

Finals Competitors will consist of:

All 1st Place Forms Winners; All 1st Place Weapons Winners; 1st Place Adult Black Belt Men Sparring & 1st Place Adult Black Belt Women Sparring. (Adult Black Belt Forms Winners will be narrowed down to 2 on Saturday and the Final 2 will perform the Bunkai in addition to their Form at Finals) (Adult Black Belt Weapons Winners will perform 2 different weapons forms, each featuring a different weapon at Finals) Winners will be competing for **10 Grand Champion Awards!**

Competitor Equipment/Attire:

Mandatory Forms & Weapons Attire: Traditional uniform respective to his/her style. No T-shirts.

Mandatory Sparring Equipment & Attire: Approved Foam Handgear, Headgear, & Footgear, Mouthpiece (Double mouthpiece for those with braces), & Groin Protection (All males). (Check with Chief Referee for Gear Approval) USNKF equipment ok. Must wear martial arts uniform; No T-Shirts or Sleeveless Tops.

Mandatory Koshiki Gear: Mouthpiece & Groin protection (All males). Headgear, Chest Protector, & Hand Covers will be provided at ring.

Prohibited items in Sparring & Koshiki: For the safety of our competitors, **No** metal or hard plastic joint braces, **nor** will plaster or fiberglass casts be allowed. **No regular eyeglasses allowed**, however, safety sport goggles are allowed. Medical devices must be approved by Medical Personnel and Chief Referee.

Disqualification: A competitor may be disqualified for excessive contact, illegal techniques, or unsportsmanlike conduct and not entitled to a refund nor allowed to fight in any further events that day. Coaches and Spectators' unsportsmanlike conduct may also be cause for a competitor's disqualification.

Judges Meetings:

We will be conducting **Judges' Meetings on Saturday & Sunday mornings at 9:00am**, just before we begin the tournament. All aspects of the rules will be covered for each day's Events.

Judges Attire for Tournament: Blue Blazer or Sport Coat, Gray dress pants or skirt with white dress shirt or Traditional martial arts uniform. We appreciate your professionalism.

Rules: Tournament Rules are posted on the "World Championships" page of our website: www.usamartialartists.org.

Register for Tournament Online at www.usamartialartists.org

under "World Championships" at top of webpage.

(Early Registration Discount Available till July 3, 2026; After that, Register At the Door)



U.S. Association of Martial Artists

2026 World Championship Divisions



July 18-19, 2026

FORMS (KATA) DIVISIONS

Black Belt Men Masters (6th Dan & up)*
 Black Belt Men Executives (40 & over)
 Black Belt Men (2 div)***
 Black Belt Women Executives (40 & over)
 Black Belt Women
 Adult Kyu Executives (40 & over) (2 div*)***
 Brown Belt Men
 Brown Belt Women
 Intermediate Men
 Intermediate Women
 Beg. Men (1st Three Belts)
 Beg. Women (1st Three Belts)
 16-17 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv
 14-15 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv
 12-13 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv
 10-11 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv
 8-9 Yr. old Beg, Int & Adv
 6-7 Yr. old Beg & Adv
 5 Yr. olds & under

TAKE DOWN SPARRING (TDS) DIVISIONS ***

Black Belt Men (Lt, Mid, Hvy)
 Adult Kyu Men (Lt, Mid, Hvy)
 Adult Women (Lt, Mid, Hvy)
 14-17 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div*)***
 14-17 Yr. olds (Females)
 10-13 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div*)***
 10-13 Yr. olds (Females)
 9 Yr. olds & under (Lt, Mid, Hvy)

SPARRING (KUMITE) DIVISIONS

Black Belt Men (Masters, Exec., Lt Wt., Mid Wt., & Hvy Wt.)
 Black Belt Women (2 div *)***
 Adult Kyu Executive Men (40 & over) (2 div*)***
 Adult Kyu Executive Women (40 & over) (2 div*)***
 Brown Belt Men
 Brown Belt Women
 Intermediate Men
 Intermediate Women
 Beg. Men (1st Three Belts)
 Beg. Women (1st Three Belts)
 16-17 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv
 16-17 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv
 14-15 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv
 14-15 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv
 12-13 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv
 12-13 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv
 10-11 Yr. old Males Beg, Int & Adv
 10-11 Yr. old Females Beg, Int & Adv
 8-9 Yr. old Males Beg & Adv
 8-9 Yr. old Females Beg & Adv
 6-7 Yr. old Beg & Adv
 5 Yr. olds & under

WEAPONS (KOBUDO) DIVISIONS

Black Belt Men (Masters, + 2 div*)***
 Black Belt Women (2 div*)***
 Adult Kyu (2 div*)***
 14-17 Yr. olds (Beg., Int., & Adv)
 10-13 Yr. olds (Beg., Int., & Adv.)
 9 Yr. olds & under (Beg. & Adv.)

CHANBARA DIVISIONS

(Equipment provided)

Black Belt Men
 Black Belt Women
 Adult Kyu Men
 Adult Kyu Women
 14-17 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div*)***
 14-17 Yr. olds (Females)
 10-13 Yr. olds (Males) (2 div*)***
 10-13 Yr. olds (Females)
 8-9 Yr. olds (2 div*)***
 7 Yr. olds & under

KOSHIKI (ARMORED MULTI-POINT SPARRING) DIVISIONS ***

(Equipment provided)

Black Belt Men
 Adult Kyu Men (2 div*)***
 Adult Women (2 div*)***
 14-17 Yr. olds (3 div*)***
 10-13 Yr. olds (3 div*)***
 8-9 Yr. olds (2 div*)***
 7 Yr. olds & under

Notes:

* Minimum of 3 competitors to make a division.

*** These divisions are determined by age, weight, size, and/or belt level upon discretion of promoter.

Adult Kyus are Competitors 18 years or older and under the rank of Black Belt.

FINALISTS WILL COMPETE FOR 10 GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS ON SUNDAY EVENING!!

FINALS COMPETITORS WILL CONSIST OF:

All 1st Place Forms Winners; All 1st Place Weapons Winners

1st Place **Adult Black Belt Men** Sparring Winners & 1st Place **Adult Black Belt Women** Sparring Winners.

Adult Black Belt Forms Winners: 1st Place Adult Black Belt Forms Winners will be narrowed down to 2 on Saturday, and the **Final 2** will perform the **Bunkai** in addition to their Form at Finals.

Adult Black Belt Weapons Winners: 1st Place Adult Black Belt Weapons Winners will perform 2 different weapons forms, each featuring a different weapon at Finals.

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Mail to: USAMA, 3167 San Mateo Blvd NE #217, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Must be Postmarked by July 3, 2026 to be "Pre-Registered." After that they are "At Door" Registrations.

Competitor "Pre-Registration" Entry Form

NAME _____ Birthdate _____ AGE on July 18, 2026 _____

ADDRESS _____ APT _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TIME IN MARTIAL ARTS: _____ YEARS _____ MONTHS SEX: M / F PHONE: _____

USAMA MEMBER # _____ BELT RANK (Belt COLOR, Kyu, Degree If Black Belt): _____

SCHOOL: _____ INSTRUCTOR: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please Register me for the following Individual Events:

- _____ Forms (Kata)
- _____ Sparring (Kumite)
- _____ Weapons (Kobudo)
- _____ Chanbara (Padded Sword Combat)
- _____ TDS (Take Down Sparring)
- _____ Koshiki (Armored Sparring)

Number of Individual Events: _____ Total for Individual Events: \$ _____

PRE-REGISTERED (Postmarked by July 3, 2026)		AT DOOR	
Individual Events: One Event \$99 \$5 Each Additional Event		Individual Events: One Event \$120 \$5 Each Additional Event	
12 yrs & up	Two Day Spectator Ticket \$20 Best Value (Includes Finals)	Two Day Spectator Ticket At Door \$25 (Includes Finals) One Day Spectator Tickets Sold Only At Door \$15 (Does Not Include Finals)	
5 to 11 yrs	Two Day Spectator Ticket \$5 Best Value (Includes Finals)	One Day Spectator Tickets Sold Only At Door \$5 (Does Not Include Finals)	
4 & under	Two Day Spectator Ticket FREE	One Day Spectator Tickets Sold Only At Door FREE	
Limited Number Avail.	Two Day Video Pass \$35 Best Value (Includes Spectator Pass for Finals)	Video Passes At Door \$40 (Includes Spectator Pass for Finals)	

Waiver: I understand that karate is a contact sport. I am aware that I am participating in an activity which involves physical contact and injuries may occur which may potentially involve Covid & other virus contact, bodily harm or even death and do so at my own risk. I waive any claim or cause of action I may have against the promoters of the tournament, Sue Hawkes, Maria Evans, Jitander Makkar, Purnima Makkar, Braveheart, the USAMA National Team, the judges, tournament personnel, other competitors, and the U.S. Association of Martial Artists Inc., that may arise out of my participation in this tournament &/or activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the promoters, Sue Hawkes, Maria Evans, Jitander Makkar, Purnima Makkar, Braveheart, the USAMA National Team, the judges, tournament personnel, and the U.S. Association of Martial Artists Inc., for any injuries, sickness, Covid & other viruses, or damages which may arise due to my participation in the tournament. I state that I do not suffer from Covid or any virus symptoms, and/or physical and/or mental conditions which may affect my participation in this tournament &/or activities. I further agree to conduct myself in a sportsmanlike and safe manner and understand if I fail to do so, I may be disqualified from the tournament and not entitled to a refund. I hereby grant the U.S. Association of Martial Artists, Inc. ("USAMA") permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photos") in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the USAMA. I agree to comply with the local public health orders. I also hereby give permission to medical personnel to administer First Aid or Emergency Treatment if, in their opinion, it becomes necessary.

Competitor's Waiver Signature** _____ Date _____

** (Parent or guardian must sign if under 18)

Total for Individual Competitor Events Total: \$ _____

USAMA Members: **<Discount>** *Current USAMA Member Competitor Discount **(-\$15.00)** Less: \$ - _____

of Two Day Spectator Tickets (12 yrs. & up) X \$20 = (5 to 11 yrs) X \$5 = Total: \$ _____

of Two Day Video Passes (Includes Spectator Ticket) (Allows Limited Ring-Side Seating Except During Finals) .. X \$35 Total: \$ _____

One Day Spectator Tickets At Door Only ... (12 yrs. & up) X \$15 = (5 to 11 yrs) X \$5 = Total: \$ _____

Payment Enclosed (Cash, Check or Money Order Payable to "USAMA") Total: \$ _____